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on 27 November 1947, a "self-governing" area, with its administration under the control of the North Korean People's Committee, had been established in that part of the present Kirin Province which was known as Chientao Province during the Japanese occupation of Manchuria

1. Troops of the Northeast Korean People's Liberation Army (NEKPLA) are attached, for military training, to units of the Soviet Army of Occupation (sic) at Yenchi (129-31, 42-55), Hunchun (130-22, 42-52), and Tumen (129-49, 42-58), in the former Chientao Province of Manchuria.

Comment. reports have previously mentioned the presence of Soviet or Korean troops, or both, in the Tumen and Hunchun areas

2. In May 1948, there were 550 NEKPLA troops at Yenchi and 400 NEKPLA troops at Hunchun receiving military training with unidentified Soviet units in those cities.
3. Between March and May 1948, a total of 460 NEKPLA troops had been assigned to Soviet units at Tumen for military training. The designations of these Soviet units and the number of NEKPLA troops assigned to each unit are as follows:

Soviet Army Unit

Number of NEKPLA Troops

6 Company of 43 Battery	65
6 Company of 45 Battery	68
6 Company of 3 Communications Unit	45
4 Company of 35 Battery	63
4 Company of 33 Battery	72
125 Signal Unit	40
149 Signal Unit	45
256 Tank Unit	20
283 Tank Unit	23
423 Tank Unit	3

Total 460

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